

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL	Application Number	09/578,895
<p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Filing Date	May 26, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Shumpei YAMAZAKI et al.
	Group Art Unit	2811
	Examiner Name	Gene M. Munson
	Attorney Docket Number	740756-2160

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Submission of Formal Drawings

v. ☒ Petition for Withdrawal from Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to Permit Consideration of IDS

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, **\$900.00**, additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate is attached.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

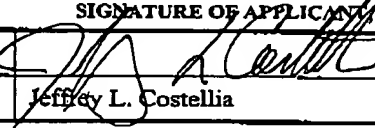
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

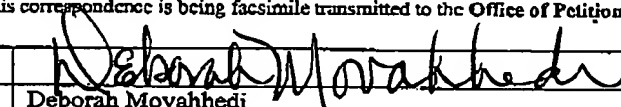
iii. ☒ Other Petition for Withdrawal from Issue

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

FAX RECEIVED
JUN 23 2004
PETITIONS OFFICE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Name (Print/Type)		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	35,483
Signature	Jeffrey L. Costellia	Date	June 23, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Office of Petitions, USPTO at 703-305-4257, on June 23, 2004.	
Signature:	
Name:	Deborah Movahhedi

SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NVA299154.1

06/24/2004 AKELLEY 00000015 182360 770.00 DA
02 FC:1801